



McCall Middle School

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Dear Grade 5 Parents/Guardians,

I am sure that by this point in the year, you and your 5th grader have begun to think about next year's experience in Grade 6 at McCall Middle School and the transition process. I would like to invite you to attend two special events. The first event is our **Grade 5 Parents/Guardians Orientation Program on Monday, April 2, 2012 beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the McCall auditorium.** When you arrive for the presentation you will receive the 2012-2013 McCall Middle School Program of Studies. This presentation will provide you an opportunity to learn about our 6th Grade programs and curriculum by the McCall administration, guidance department, and our directors and curriculum leaders in the areas of English, Math, Science, and Social Studies.

The second event that I would like to invite you to is a **New Parents/Guardians Night for Current Grade 5 Parents/Guardians at the Next Door Theater at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 24, 2012.** The Next Door Theater is located at 40 Cross Street in Winchester. There will be a panel of speakers who will share their middle school experiences with our incoming parents/guardians and will also answer any questions you may have. This is a more informal meeting in which parents/guardians will be able to learn even more about McCall Middle School and how to best support their children during the middle school years. For information on the McCall Middle School Parents Association, go to their website at www.mccallpa.org.

At the beginning of April, I will be speaking with your child and his/her classmates at your elementary school. I will be joined for these visits by Leslie West, Grade 6 Assistant Principal; McCall Guidance Counselors; McCall Staff; and current grade 6 students who attended your school. The purpose of these visits will be to speak with your child about the transition to middle school and to answer any questions that they may have. The schedule for these visits appears below:

- Tuesday, April 3, 2012 – Muraco visit with students at 1:15 p.m.
- Wednesday, April 4, 2012 - Ambrose visit students at 1:15 p.m.
- Monday, April 9, 2012 - Lynch visit students at 1:15 p.m.
- Tuesday, April 10, 2012 - V.O. visit students at 1:15 p.m.
- Wednesday, April 11, 2012 - Lincoln visit students at 1:15 p.m.

I am very proud of our school and want you to know that we are well prepared for your children for the coming year. A key to our success has been the experience, hard work, and dedication of our grade 6 teachers and staff. Your child will be taught English, Math, Science, and Social Studies by his/her team teachers. The core experiences will be integrated into our seven period day along with a wide variety of exploratory subjects taught by our talented exploratory program teachers. You will learn more about our courses during the Grade 5 Parents/Guardians Orientation Program on **Monday, April 2, 2012 beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the McCall auditorium.**

At the end of the current school year, your child will have an opportunity to learn about the programs, policies, staff, and facilities of McCall Middle School. During the school day on **Monday, June 4, 2012** grades 5, 6, 7, & 8 students will be participating in **Moving-Up Day.** On this day, grade 5 students will be coming to McCall to meet grade 6 teachers and learn more about our school.

I look forward to meeting with you and your children in the coming weeks.

Sincerely yours,

Jorge Goncalves
Principal